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STRIP CROPPING—AN EROSION-CONTROL PRACTICE

Growing contour strips of erosion-resistant crops in alternate strips with clean-tilled crops, is a low-cost method of erosion control. The erosion-resistant strips, which may be of varying widths, check the speed of run-off water, filter out soil particles, and cause raindrops to be held where they can be used by crops.



Contour strip cropping with strips of grain sorghum alternated with erosion-resistant strips of oats.



Contour strip cropping with corn and small grains.



Aerial view of strip-cropped field.



Plowing oat stubble on the contour in preparation for contour strip cropping.



Contour strip cropping with corn as the row crop and wheat as the closely sowed crop.



Chart No. 3



Contour strip cropping with oats, hairy vetch, and corn.